(*d*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).
(*e*) No.
(*f*) Yes.
(*g*) Rs. 1,870.

Cashew Factories.

475. *MR. PULLIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of Cashew Factories in the State; and
(*b*) the total number of employees and coolies working in all the Cashew Factories in the State?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 179.
(*b*) 50,300.

MR VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): May I know whether some of the workers in the Cashew factories get a kind of skin disease on their hands?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The disease has been found in some people. Instructions have been issued through the Labour Department to the managements to supply oil, ash and other things which will prevent this kind of disease to some extent.

Elephants caught from the Forest Reserve.

476. *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of elephants caught from the Forest Reserve this year;
(*b*) whether elephants were sold in public auction; and
(*c*) if so, the number and the sale amount realised?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*):
(*a*) 13 (5 Tuskers and 8 cows).
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Seven elephants; B. Rs. 40,845.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how many elephants were caught from the Malayattoor division?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Six elephants.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how many trained elephants the Department has got for catching new elephants?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Five elephants.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how many of them are in the Malayattoor Division?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Two are in the Malayattoor division.

Contract with Messrs. General Motors Ltd. Bombay, to supply Rosewood and Blackwood.

477. *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government had any contract with Messrs. General Motors, Ltd. Bombay, to supply them Rosewood and Blackwood sizes;

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[Mr. R. Madhavan Nair.]

(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) above is in the affirmative, what was the rate per c. ft. of sawn sizes and the total quantity agreed to be supplied by the Government;

(*c*) whether the sizes were converted departmentally and supplied or any sub-contract was given for that purpose;

(*d*) if the conversion and supply of sizes were done by a sub-contractor under the buy-back system;

(*e*) what was the sub-contractor's rate per c. ft. of sawn sizes;

(*f*) the quantity of sawn materials supplied on behalf of the Government by the sub-contractor to the General Motors, Ltd.;

(*g*) the percentage of sawn materials got back from the logs supplied to the sub-contractor;

(*h*) whether the sub-contractor was entitled to dispose of the outer slabs, rejection and the balance of logs, if any, at his discretion;

(*i*) whether the Conservator of Forests was aware that the market rate of Rosewood and Blackwood was much higher at the time of supplies by the sub-contractor than at the time of placing the order with him;

(*j*) if the answer to part (i) above is in the affirmative, whether the Conservator of Forests was aware that the sub contractor was more inclined in getting as much outer slabs from the logs and as much sizes rejected by the selecting officers than to supply sizes against his contract with Government;

(*k*) who was the officer deputed by the Conservator of Forests for selecting sawn sizes from the sub-contractor;

(*l*) the quantity of I, II and III classes of Rosewood or Black wood logs supplied by the Government to the sub-contractor and the rate per c. ft. for each class; and

(*m*) the amount of profit gained or loss incurred by the Government under this contract?

RAO BAHADUR T V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes, beginning with 1941 and ending in 1943.

(*b*) B. Rs. 4-9-0 per c. ft. of sawn sizes: about 16,000 c. ft.

(*c*) Both departmentally and through contract agency.

(*d*) 57,284 c. ft. were supplied to the sub-contractor.

(*e*) B. Rs. 3-10-0 per c. ft.

(*f*) 11,953 c. ft.

(*g*) 21 per cent.

(*h*) The contractor was allowed to dispose of the outer slabs and rejections, at his discretion, after the materials of the required specifications were selected for the General Motors, Ltd.

(*i*) No, not for the quality of the timber sold to the contractor.

(*j*) Does not arise.

(*k*) Mr. D. Krishna Aiyengar, Ranger, selected and this was supervised by Mr. L. A. Krishna Aiyar, Personal Assistant to the Conservator of Forests.

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(*l*) I class 12,036 c. ft.—B. Rs. 1-2-0 per c. ft.
II class 45,248 c. ft.—B. Rs 9-12-0 per c ft.

(*m*) A profit of B Rs 11,205 was made on the sawn materials and the logs were sold for B. Rs. 47,480, on which a profit of B. Rs. 35,000 is estimated.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: സർ, എന്റെ ചോദ്യത്തിൽ പാർട്ട് ബി-ക്ക് കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്ന മറുപടിയിൽ ഉദ്ദേശം പതിനാറായിരം ക്യൂബിക്ക് അടി എന്നാണ്. ശരിയായ കൂബാണ്ടാറി എത്രയാണെന്ന് പറയാൻ കൺസർവേറ്റർക്ക് സാധിക്കുമോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: There was a latitude and therefore it was said that it was about 16,000.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: So I shall take it that the .....

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Yes, you can take it to the extent indicated.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: സബ്കൺട്രാക്റ്റർക്ക് കൊടുത്തത് എത്രയെന്ന് ഇതിൽ എന്റെ ചോദ്യത്തിന് അൻപത്തേഴായിരം ക്യൂബിക്ക് അടി എന്ന മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞു. കൺട്രാക്റ്റ് കൊടുത്തോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽ ചെയ്യുമോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: കൺട്രാക്റ്റും കൊടുത്തു, ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽനിന്നും ചെയ്തു. രണ്ടും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: It is not a reply to my question. I want to know whether the work has been given to any sub-contractor.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: The profit on that account is something like Rs. 11,000. But the contract taken up by Government is for Rs. 4-9-0 and the sub-contractor accepted the contract at the rate of Rs. 3-10-0. Then this is not the actual profit that would be derived by Government. It must be more than what is stated. What the Conservator gives is.....

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: I think it has been correctly calculated.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: But the amount is not correct.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Honourable member may then point out the difficulty.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR The actual profit derived on the above item is not given in the reply. That is what I am at.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: It is given as 11,953.

MR. R MADHAVAN NAIR: 16,000 cubic feet were supplied at 15 as. Then 12,000 is not the amount.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Only 11,953 cubic feet were supplied by the Contractor.

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MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Then the Government have supplied the quantity at a loss.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: 11,953 cubic feet were supplied by the sub-contractor. On that the profit at the rate of 15 as. was Rs. 11,205.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: പതിനായിരം ക്യൂബിക്കടിക്ക് ഇതുപതിനായിരം അണ വച്ചാണെങ്കിൽ കണക്ക് ശരിയല്ല

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Sixteen thousand c. ft. were not supplied.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: The sale price of II logs is shown at 9/12/c. ft. under answer (*b*).

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: That is a mistake; it ought to be 12 annas. It is a printer's mistake.

Quilon Forest Division.

478. *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to form a new Shencottah Forest Division by bifurcating the present Quilon Forest Division and to remove the present headquarters of Quilon Division to Punalur;

(*b*) whether there was a Shencottah Forest Division before;

(*c*) whether that was amalgamated with Quilon Forest Division by the present Conservator of Forests;

(*d*) what were the reasons for the amalgamation and what are the reasons for the proposed bifurcation;

(*e*) whether the Quilon Forest Division office is now housed in Government buildings; and

(*f*) whether there is any Government building at Punalur to house the Forest Division office, if it is to be transferred from Quilon to Punalur?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It was amalgamated by Government.

(*d*) For a few years preceding the amalgamation, the intensity of work in the old Shencottah Division was not sufficient to justify its separate existence and so it was amalgamated with the Quilon Division. The prescriptions of the new working plans involve intensive exploitation and extensive regeneration which now necessitate a bifurcation into two Divisions.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No; but a Government building is proposed to be constructed at Punalur to house the Divisional Forest Office.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: May I know when the Shencottah Division Office was amalgamated to the Quilon Division Office?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: It was in 1118.

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